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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of Hiroshi TANABE and Setsuo KANEKO  
Title: SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING APPARATUS AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THIN FILM SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE  
Assignee: NEC CORPORATION  
Our Ref: Q77312

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 08/866,331 (Confirmation No. 9640) filed May 30, 1997 of Hiroshi TANABE and Setsuo KANEKO entitled SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING APPARATUS AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THIN FILM SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 10 sheets (Figures 1-10F) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also, an Information Disclosure Statement is being filed along with this Divisional Application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2822.

Priority is claimed from:

Country

JAPAN

Application No

137895/1996

Filing Date

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The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 08/866,331.

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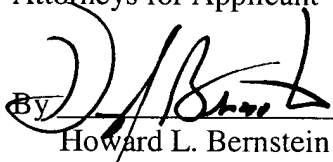
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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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